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+ The FBIS Wire Service scooped other news sources in its flash reporting of the first monitored Soviet source to carry Gorbachev's announcement of a unilateral moratorium on nuclear test explosions. The text of the statement, published in the Soviet newspaper SELSKAYA ZHIZN (RURAL LIFE), was obtained from London Bureau's monitoring of the 29 July Soviet satellite pressfax transmission of the following day's newspapers. [redacted]

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+ The first monitored report of the overthrow of Ugandan President Milton Obote came from BBC coverage of Kampala radio which was filed at flash precedence by FBIS' London Bureau. Later, the Operations Center said that because U.S. Embassy personnel were mostly restricted to the embassy compound and were therefore not able to report fully on events, FBIS and Western press agency reporting was providing the bulk of information on breaking events. [redacted]

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+ In response to an alert from a special assistant to the Secretary of the Treasury, the FBIS Okinawa Bureau filed the initial reporting on 30 July on the Japanese trade action plan for consumers in Treasury and the White House. The subsequent FBIS reporting on the subject greatly outdistanced in volume the coverage given by Western news agencies. [redacted]

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+ On 29 July FBIS initiated a new alert mechanism in response to a request from USIA Director Charles Wick. The FBIS London Bureau is flagging certain materials from the monitoring of Soviet central media "USIA ALERT" to alert the USIA and other FBIS Wire Service consumers to new Soviet propaganda initiatives or major shifts in existing propaganda lines. [redacted]

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+ For the Arms Control Intelligence Staff, which is interested in exploring the question of whether the Soviets are using their propaganda to try to communicate directly with President Reagan, the FBIS Analysis Group is preparing a memo giving analytical impressions backed by supporting materials published in FBIS' various analysis publications and in the Daily Report. [redacted]

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